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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Director of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's requirement that a single elected species be elected, Applicants hereby elect the invention in Group II, claims 15-46, 47-51, 58 and 59-62, drawn to a process for the production of 2-KLG, classified in class 435, subclass 138.

Respectfully submitted,

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